

September 23, 1942

Mr. G.G. Williams, Examiner
State Banking Department,
Phoenix, Arizona.

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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Sir:

We have your recent letter wherein you state that in examining the Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Company at Tucson it is necessary to enlist the aid of Federal examiners employed by the Federal Reserve Bank. You state that this year they would furnish two examiners and one assistant but that the Federal Reserve Bank thought the State Banking Department should pay the travel and per diem expenses of the men from Dallas, Texas and return. You state that at that particular time your budget did not call for or permit such an expenditure and that you were looking forward to having the legislature set up a special appropriation in the Banking Department appropriation to cover like items arising in the next two years. You desire our opinion whether or not the legislature may appropriate and earmark funds to cover travel expense of this nature, and if so could the auditor legally pay same upon presentation of the various claims.

It is our opinion that if the legislature desires to set up or appropriate moneys to cover an item of this nature it may do so and that once the money is appropriated claims legally drawn thereon must be honored and approved by the auditor.

Yours truly,

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